Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street , SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF LATE FILING FEES PURSUANT TO WC DOCKET 06-122

Ladies and Gentlemen,

UT&T, LLC hereby requests waiver of the \$900 fee for late filing of its 499A form due April 2017 for reasons described below.

UT&T is a very small telecommunications company that was started about 6 years ago from scratch. We have worked very hard to build a business and stay in compliance. One of our founding owners, Cregg Devereaux, worked endless hours learning the laws and rules for not only the federal government but also for more than 13 states we currently operate in. Cregg passed away in March of 2016, and his passing left a giant hole in our ability to stay in compliance as he took care of all of such matters. Cregg checked into the hospital in early February 2016 to deal with a respiratory problem and never left.

As a company we did what we could to learn what all Cregg was doing and did timely file the 499A on time that was due in April 2016. But we had to face the fact that what Cregg had spent 4 years learning was too much for us to learn in the time available to meet our obligations. As a result, in the fall of 2016, we retained the services of a telecommunication compliance vendor to take over all of our filings.

In March of 2017 we communicated with the vendor to make sure they had all of the information necessary to timely file the 499A form currently due. By late fall 2017 we were receiving notices from many agencies that filings were late or not done at all. In January of this year we feared that the 499A, due the previous April, had not been filed so we logged into our account and saw that we were right to be fearful. We immediately pulled the necessary information and prepared and filed the 499A form. At the same time we pulled all of the

information necessary to file the 499A form due April 2018. This can be verified by contacting USAC to see the 2017 traffic study we sent in along with our 2016 traffic study.

At this time we respectfully request that you abate the \$900 late fee that has been assessed us for reasonable cause. We feel that we followed reasonable steps for our company to stay in compliance and as soon as we learned that we were not in compliance we rectified the situation.

Subsequent to our discovery of many filing failures we terminated the services of our vendor and are again handling all matters in-house. The vendor has left us in a bad situation with many agencies and it is costing our small company thousands of dollars to return to a 100% compliant position. Again, we are respectfully requesting that you abate the late fee assessed to us.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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